News from Representative Randy Hultgren



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Dear Friend,

I wanted to update you on new leadership roles I am humbled and honored to take on this new Congress. These roles will help me to better serve you—the people of the 14th District—by ensuring you have a stronger voice in key issues that affect Illinois and the nation like jobs, housing, financial security and our global leadership.

Below are other additional important legislative updates.

# Elevated to Vice-Chairman on Financial Services Subcommittee



I believe there has never been a more important time for my work on the Financial Services Committee. It is time to unleash the power of small businesses to access the capital they need to hire and expand, to free families to invest for the future, to support farmers planning for uncertainty, to help students and their families planning for college, and to restore the ability of community banks and credit unions to adequately provide services to the businesses and families with whom they have long-standing relationships.

And I am honored to be named Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Investment. Access to capital is central to the success of our economy. In this leadership position I look

forward to continuing the fight for job growth, retirement security and economic opportunity for all.

In addition, I am thrilled to now serve on the **Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance** which has jurisdiction over flood insurance including the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, public and private housing, urban development and terrorism risk insurance. I want to ensure my constituents in Illinois have affordable access to insurance that minimizes the federal government's role and taxpayer exposure.

I also believe we need to make long overdue reforms to Fannie and Freddie that ensure affordable access to the housing market without risking taxpayers will be subject to future bailouts.

## Named Co-Chair of FinTech and Payments Caucus

The financial needs of consumers are changing with rapidly advancing FinTech—financial technology—and Americans need options in the 21st Century.

I am excited about this opportunity to serve on the Congressional FinTech and Payments Caucus and work with my colleagues on identifying and promoting technology solutions to improve the way consumers make use of financial products and services. More here.

# Appointed Co-Chairman of Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission



Human rights are increasingly under attack around the world. More than ever we need Congress to be a strong voice for the vulnerable, oppressed and marginalized everywhere.

I am deeply honored to be named Co-Chairman of the prestigious bipartisan <u>Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission</u>, charged with promoting, defending and advocating for international human rights. Named in honor of the only Holocaust survivor to serve in Congress, the Commission undertakes public education activities, provides expert human rights advice and encourages members of Congress to actively engage in human rights matters.

As is the tradition, as Co-Chairman I will set politics aside and work closely with current Co-Chairman Rep. Jim McGovern to protect human trafficking victims and punish perpetrators, defend religious liberty, protect vulnerable refugee families in harm's way, help those facing extreme poverty and hunger and stand for the many others whose rights are abused.

Please <u>click here for further information about this key bipartisan human rights panel</u>.

## My Take on Executive Order on Visas and Immigration

Please <u>click here to view my full statement at</u>
<u>Hultgren.house.gov</u> regarding President Trump's executive order,
Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United
States.

# Renewing Bipartisan Effort to Stifle Demand for Sex Slavery

Human trafficking is nothing less than modern day slavery. It targets society's most vulnerable, stealing their souls and depriving them of any hope to escape a downward spiral of despair.

<u>Please click to read this article in the Daily Herald</u> on the new bipartisan momentum behind my bill, the <u>Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act</u>.

# **Legislative Highlights**

# REIN-ing in Executive Overreach and Stopping Oppressive Regulations on Small Business

For several years now, I have supported the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act which ensures the American people and their representatives have a say in any new major rules federal agencies aim to place on American manufacturers and small businesses.

Illinois' businesses small, medium and large are struggling under the heavy weight of major regulations that are passed without their consent or input. It's time the people had a voice again.

Click <u>here to learn more about the bill</u> which includes elements of my own legislation, theRegulatory Review and Sunset Act.

### **Defending Consumer Choice**

Americans planning for retirement have faced the prospect of an aggressive federal agency restricting their access to the counsel they need from advisers they trust.

I am pleased President Trump has moved to scrutinize a Department of Labor (DOL) rule to expand the definition of a fiduciary, which restricts consumer choice in retirement planning and investments. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 355, the Protecting American Families' Retirement Advice Act, which delays the rule.

Through a series of meetings, my constituents have made it clear they are hurt by this rule, including the thousands of small investors who are served by the many who work in the dozens of Edward Jones and State Farm offices throughout the 14th District.

### **INSPIRE-ing Women and Girls to Enter STEM Careers**



Inspiring America's youth to pursue careers in science, engineering, math and aerospace fields will have a major impact on our nation's future. Our children are tomorrow's working Americans, and we need to ensure that they are prepared in order to be successful and have every opportunity available to them.

I cosponsored and supported House passage of the Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act, H.R. 321, which aims to inspire women and girls to consider careers in math, science and aerospace through mentorships and outreach by retired NASA scientists, engineers, innovators and

astronauts.

Inspiring young people in STEM will further advance our nation's scientific prowess, economic competitiveness and maintain our status as the destination for the best and brightest in the world.

## Gorsuch a Strong Pick for Supreme Court

I commend President Trump for his strong pick for the Supreme Court in Judge Neil Gorsuch. Judge Gorsuch's demonstrated defense of life and religious liberty is encouraging, and his record shows he is a strong defender of the Constitution.

In 2006, he was confirmed by the Senate to a seat on the Tenth Circuit of Appeals without a single vote of opposition—neither in committee nor in the full chamber. Not a single Democratic Chair or leader opposed him.

I look forward to the Senate vetting and confirming Judge Gorsuch swiftly.

If you haven't already, be sure to <u>like my Facebook page</u>, follow me on Twitter (<u>@RepHultgren</u>), or <u>check out my YouTube page</u> to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,

Randy Hultgren Member of Congress

14th District, Illinois

# Randy in the News

- Congressman Hultgren named to housing and insurance subcommittee (Kendall County Now)
- House report says CFPB Director Cordray may have violated law (The Title Report)
- Hultgren renews push for global human sex trafficking crackdown (Daily Herald)

- <u>Illinois GOP congressmen ready to repeal "death tax"</u> (Illinois News Network)
- Marching with Life Lovers in Chicago (Illinois Review)

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